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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS

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1. BECAUSE SECRETARY IS TRAVELING TO MEXICO SEPARATELY AND WILL BE THERE IN ADVANCE OF THE DATES OF HIS OFFICIAL VISIT THERE WILL BE NO ACCOMPANYING JOURNALISTS TRAVELING WITH OFFICIAL PARTY AS A GROUP AS IN PREVIOUS VISITS. HOWEVER, AS A NUMBER OF STATE DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENTS AS WELL AS OTHER AMERICAN NEWSMEN WILL BE COVERING THE INAUGURATION, WE ARE MAKING THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS:

2. PRESS ROOM: GIVEN THE NATURE OF THE VISIT AND WITH THE U.S. DELEGATION HOUSED IN THE MARIA ISABEL ADJACENT TO THE CHANCERY WE SUGGEST THE EMBASSY CONSIDER HAVING A PRESS FACILITY IN THE CHANCERY, PROVIDED JOURNALISTS CAN HAVE ACCESS AS IF IT WERE LOCATED IN THE HOTEL.

3. ACCOMMODATIONS: IF POSSIBLE, THE EMBASSY SHOULD TRY TO

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SET ASIDE APPROXIMATELY TEN SINGLES IN MARIA ISABEL , BUT

ON SEPARATE FLOOR FROM OFFICIAL PARTY. IF HOUSING IN SEPARATE HOTELS REQUIRED, THIS SHOULD BE AS CLOSE TO MARIA ISABEL AS IS POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE ON SITUATION OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PRESS. MEMBERS OF PRESS ARE INDIVIDUALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING OWN BILLS.

4. PLEASE ADVISE HOW AMERICAN NEWSMEN WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO AND FROM OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS. WHERE PRESS TRAVELING IN MOTORCADE WITH SECRETARY, THEY SHOULD BE TRANSPORTED IN CARS WHENEVER POSSIBLE TO AVOID PROBLEM POSED BY A PRESS BUS UNABLE TO KEEP UP WITH MOTORCADE.

5. IF PRESS ROOM IS AT THE CHANCERY, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY AT THIS TIME TO PROVIDE SEPARATE FILING FACILITIES FOR NEWSMEN, BUT INFORMATION ON FILING SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN PRESS KIT. IS IT LIKELY THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE A PRESS FILING FACILITY IN THE MARIA ISABEL ?

6. POST SHOULD ARRANGE TO RECORD AND TRANSCRIBE ANY PUBLIC REMARKS THE SECRETARY MAY MAKE AND TO FORWARD THEM BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM TO DEPT, WITH CAPTION: QUOTE FOR S/PRS; DEPT PASS NSC FOR MR. SCOWCROFT AND WHITE HOUSE FOR MR. NESSEN UNQUOTE; AND TO OTHER INTERESTED POSTS. EXAMPLE OF SUCH REMARKS WOULD INCLUDE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS, EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AND ANY IMPROMPTU SESSIONS WITH PRESS THAT MAY FOLLOW MEETINGS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

7. PLEASE INCLUDE IN PRESS KIT INDICATION OF ALL PRESS OPPORTUNITIES ON SCHEDULE. WHERE APPROPRIATE, PROVIDE CURRENT AND RELEVANT BACKGROUND MATERIAL.

8. AS IN PAST, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR USE OF CREDIT CARDS FOR FILING PURPOSES AND PROVIDE FACT SHEET ON COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS FOR TRANSMITTING FILM BACK TO U.S. FOR DURATION OF VISIT.

9. PROVIDE SPOKESMAN AND NEWSMEN USIS WIRELESS FILE AND/OR COMMERCIAL NEWS AGENCY COPY (IF AVAILABLE AT POST) TO KEEP UP TO DATE ON DEVELOPMENTS AROUND THE WORLD. SPOKESMAN SHOULD BE PROVIDED COPIES OF DAILY NEWSPAPERS AS WELL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS PRESS SUMMARY EACH MORNING AT HOTEL.

10. DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WOULD APPRECIATE FULL-TIME ASSISTANCE OF ONE OFFICER, PREFERABLY PAO, DURING VISIT AND WILL REQUIRE A CAR WITH DRIVER ASSIGNED FOR HIS USE FULL-TIME.

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